

Hardin County

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Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

Promote Healthy Behaviors

Problems/Needs:

- County has a higher rate of chronic disease than the state average and the rate continues to grow since 1995 at a higher rate than counties of like populations and size as well as average state statistics.
- Higher than average poor mental health days
- Less than one third of those not desiring a pregnancy using birth control coupled with increasing rate of young teen (below age 17) pregnancy.
- High immigrant population teenage pregnancy
- Rising obesity rate, almost double the national rate

Prevent Injuries

Problems/Needs:

- Unintentional injuries higher than the national rate and have a higher impact on the population because of county size.

Protect Against Environmental Hazards

Problems/Needs:

- Double the state average of lead poisoned children.
- Increasing rate of asthma from home environmental factors.

Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

Problems/Needs:

- Unimmunized adults and inability to afford immunizations for uninsured and underinsured adults.

Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

Problems/Needs:

- More training for appropriate drilling and qualified drills so that PH is ready for Response when necessary.

Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure

Problems/Needs:

- Uninsured and underinsured females from age 18 to age 65.
- Lack of affordable transportation for medical appointments as well as daily living tasks.
- Appropriate QI & QA process for continued improvement and compliance with coming Modernization requirements

Community Health Improvement Plan

| Goal | Strategies | Who is responsible? | When? (Timeline) |
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| More training for appropriate drilling and qualified drills so that PH is ready for Response when necessary. | 1.) All employees register on the LMS | Greenbelt Home Care | by May 1, 2011 and on going |
| | 2.) All employees take Preparedness 100,200,700 | Greenbelt Home Care | by May 1, 2012 |
| | 3.) Command Center needs filled by preparedness grant | Greenbelt Home Care | by Aug. 30, 2011 |
| | 4.) Command Center orientation to all employees | Greenbelt Home Care | by Sept. 30, 2011 |
| | 5.) Triage mapping | Greenbelt Home Care, Dr. A. Heir, Doug Riggs | by Nov. 1, 2011 |
| | 6.)corrected response plan | Greenbelt Home Care and Doug Riggs | by Nov. 1, 2011 |

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| Education to immigrant population about pregnancy prevention. High immigrant population teenage pregnancy. | 1.) Establish social group for support and education | Greenbelt Home Care | by Nov. 1, 2011 |
| | 2.)Provide language specific educational materials | Greenbelt Home Care | beginning July 1, 2011 and ongoing |
| | 3.)Provide condoms to participants | Greenbelt Home Care | beginning July 1, 2011 and ongoing |
| | 4.)Provide pregnancy testing and education | Greenbelt Home Care | beginning July 1, 2011 and ongoing |

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| Provide education and help neutralize the rising obesity rate. Rising obesity rate, almost double the national rate. | 1.) work with community gardens group | Greenbelt Home Care, city of Eldora, city of Iowa Falls, ISU Extension | March 1, 2011 - ongoing |
| | 2.) Provide education to restaurants about providing food content information to patrons | Greenbelt Home Care | July 1, 2011 - ongoing |
| | 3.) Work with trails committee to make health stations along trails. | Greenbelt Home Care, Hardin County Trails Committee | July 1, 2011 - ongoing |
| | 4.) Provide children's programming through summer program and public schools about nutrition and healthy snacks. | Greenbelt Home Care, Iowa Falls/Alden Public Schools, AGWSR Public Schools, BCLUW Public Schools, S. Hardin Public Schools | June 1, 2011 - ongoing |

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| Appropriate QI & QA process for continued improvement and compliance with coming Modernization requirements. | 1.) Participation with QI Champions | Greenbelt Home Care, IDPH | October 2010 - January 2011 |
| | 2.) Implementation of techniques and strategies from QI Champions participation | Greenbelt Home Care | January 1, 2011 - ongoing |
| | 3.) QI & QA meetings to meet requirements of partners and to provide improvement and assurance of all processes for agency. | Greenbelt Home Care | January 1, 2011 - ongoing |
| | 4.) share techniques and strategies from QI champions with interested agencies | Greenbelt Home Care | January 1, 2011 - ongoing |

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| <p>Less than one third of those not desiring a pregnancy using birth control coupled with increasing rate of young teen (below age 17) pregnancy.</p> <p>1.) education for all females in Hardin County about pregnancy prevention and proper spacing of children.</p> | 1.) Meet with Hardin County School districts to identify needs within their schools that need to be met. | Greenbelt Home Care, Hardin County Partnership for Youth. | April 2011 through September 2011 |
| | 2.) Participate in community fairs providing pregnancy prevention education and information about where contraception can be obtained. | Greenbelt Home Care, Central Iowa Pregnancy Prevention, CAPP, | March 2011 through May 2011 |
| | 3.) Partner with agency's providing sliding scale fee/confidential birth control working out a Hardin County location for services so residents can have better access as transportation is a barrier. | Greenbelt Home Care | To be completed by August 1, 2011. |
| | 4.) Provide condoms and education in PH office for anyone needing the assistance. | Greenbelt Home Care | ongoing |
| | 5.) Mass media education about pregnancy prevention | CAPP | May 2011 |

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| Double the state average of lead poisoned children. Lower the numbers of lead poisoned children. | 1.) Lead education and testing at all Kindergarten Round Up activities. | Greenbelt Home Care Family Health | March 2011- May 2011 |
| | 2.) Mass Media education about lead dangers | Greenbelt Home Care Family Health and Primary Health Marshalltown. | ongoing |
| | 3.) Participation in community fairs providing Lead education and information about where services can be obtained. | Greenbelt Home Care | March 2011- May 2011 |
| | 4.) Follow up of high lead tests | Greenbelt Home Care | ongoing |
| | 5.) education on remediation services | Primary Health Care Marshalltown | ongoing |
| | 6.) Education materials to all physicians in Hardin County | Greenbelt Home Care and Primary Health Marshalltown | ongoing |
| | 7.) Establish lead coalition with landlords, realtors, renters, property owners and others for Hardin County | Greenbelt Home Care and Primary Health | ongoing |
| | 8.) Plant sharing for barriers | Greenbelt Home Care | May 2011, May 2012, May 2013, yearly after this period |

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| Unimmunized adults and inability to afford immunizations for uninsured and underinsured adults. Improving the number of fully immunized adults in Hardin County | 1.) Work with pharmaceutical companies | Greenbelt Home Care | ongoing |
| | 2.) provide education and information about necessary immunizations and where to get them. | Greenbelt Home Care | ongoing |
| | 3.) schedule regular clinics to provide immunizations and education | Greenbelt Home Care | ongoing |
| | 4.) Medical providers educated about program so referrals can be made. | | |
| | 5.) Contact with employers so work place clinics can be held. | | |